

REMARKS

Claim Changes

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3; claim 10 is canceled.

Claim 20 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21; claim 21 is canceled.

Claim 13 is amended to depend from claim 11 instead of claim 12.

Claims 24 and 25 are canceled.

No amendment made is related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment is made for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant had argued herein that such amendment is made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. Any remarks made herein with respect to a given claim or amendment is intended only in the context of that specific claim or amendment, and should not be applied to other claims, amendments, or aspects of Applicant's invention.

Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 3, 7-11, 13-15, 18-19 and 21-23 once amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 3 (now canceled) and has amended claim 20 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 21 (now canceled). For these reasons, Applicant requests that claims 1 and 20 be passed to allowance. Dependent claims 7-11, 13-15, 18-19 and 22-23 depend from, and include all the limitations of independent claims 1 and 20. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 7-11, 13-15, 18-19 and 22-23 also be passed to allowance.

Objection to the Claims

In response to the objection to claim 13 for informalities, Applicant has amended claim 13 to depend from claim 11 instead of from canceled claim 12. Applicant, therefore, requests the removal of the objection to claim 13.

Rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Applicant has canceled claim 24, thereby rendering moot this rejection.

Rejection of claims 1-2, 5, 20 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by SVD-Based Approach to Transparent Embedding Data Into Digital Images (Chandra, et al.)

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the invention. More particularly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 3 (now canceled) and has amended claim 20 to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 21 (now canceled). Applicant has canceled claims 24 and 25. Applicant therefore submits that claims 1 and 20 are not anticipated by Chandra, et al. and that the rejection of claims 1 and 20 under 35 USC 102(b) should be withdrawn. Applicant requests that claims 1 and 20 may now be passed to allowance.

Dependent claims 2 and 5 depend from, and include all the limitations of independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of dependent claims 2 and 5 and requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims. Applicant requests that claims 1 and 20 may now be passed to allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant has reviewed the other references of record and believes that Applicant's claimed invention is patentably distinct and nonobvious over each reference taken alone or in combination. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicant. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney or agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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